

## **Water Conditions Summary**

### Operations Control, Engineering & Vegetation Management Department

Operations & Maintenance Resource Area

Governing Board Presentation August 13, 2003

## Meteorological Conditions

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- District-wide rainfall in July was slightly below average
- July Rainfall : District-wide rainfall was 85% of average

Normal Rainfall: 6.98 inches

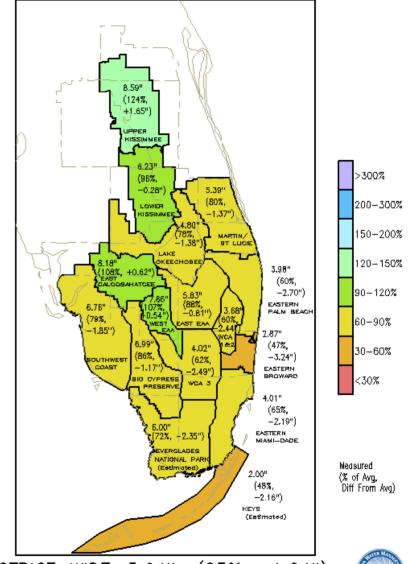
Actual Rainfall: 5.95 inches

Est. Pan Evaporation: 5.4 inches

 August Rainfall : District-wide rainfall todate is above average

- Most areas of the District received below average rainfall in July
- Above average rainfall occurred in the Kissimmee, Caloosahatchee & C-139 basins

SFWMD Rainfall 02-jul-2003 to 01-aug-2003



DISTRICT-WIDE: 5.94" (85%, -1.04")



Well above

average rainfall

has occurred so

far this month in

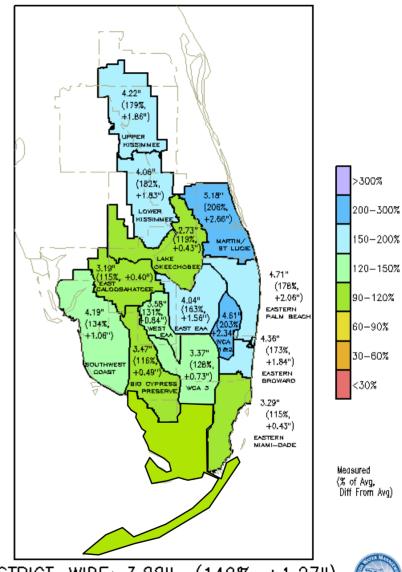
the Kissimmee

River Basin and

**Upper East** 

Coast regions

SFWMD Rainfall 02-AUG-2003 to 12-AUG-2003



DISTRICT-WIDE: 3.88" (149%, +1.27")



# **2003 Hurricane Season Status**



Category	<b>Predicted</b>	Average	Actual
Named Storms	12-15	10	4
Hurricanes	7-9	6	2
Strong Hurricanes	3-4	2	0

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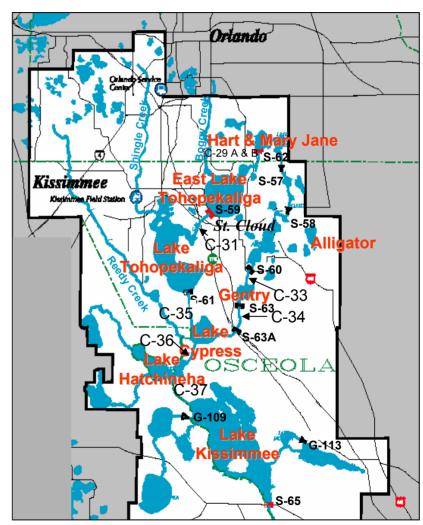
- **Y** Upper Chain High seasonal levels
- Y Kissimmee River High seasonal flows
- Real of the Company o
- G Lake Okeechobee Water Supply
- **Estuaries** Low salinity

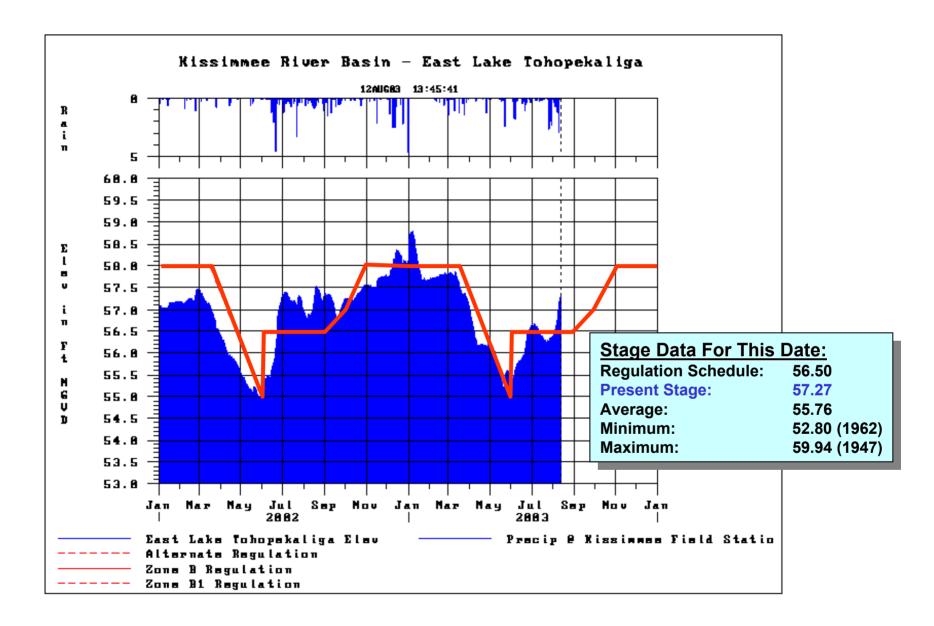
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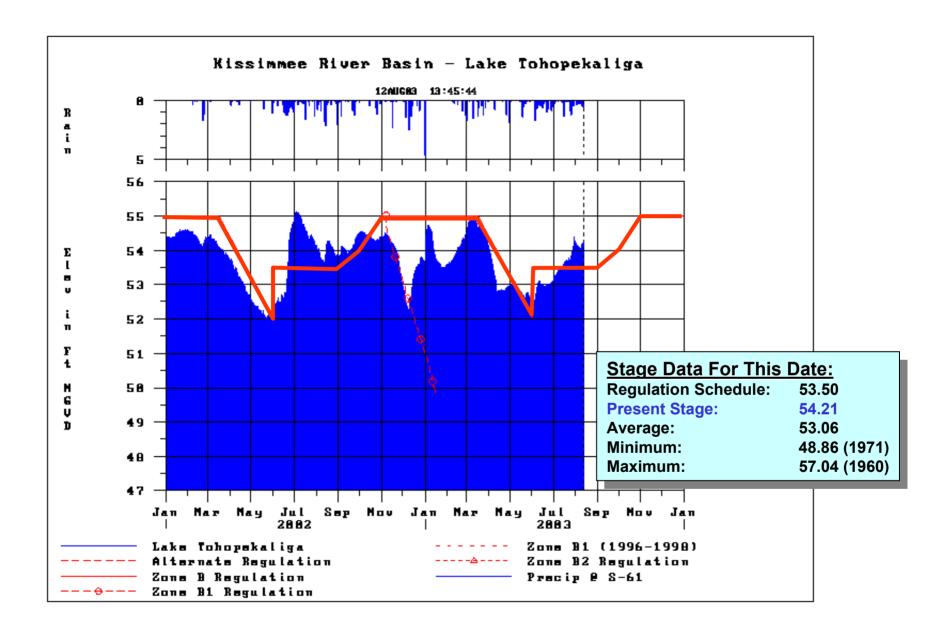
- GWater Conservation Area 1 Above Sched.
- **GWater Conservation Area 2** Above Sched.
- **Water Conservation Area 3** Above Sched.
- **ENP** Normal seasonal conditions
- GFI. Bay Normal seasonal conditions
- Coast Normal canal levels
- G Lower East Coast Norm. seasonal grndwtr.
- Court Coast Norm. seasonal grndwtr.

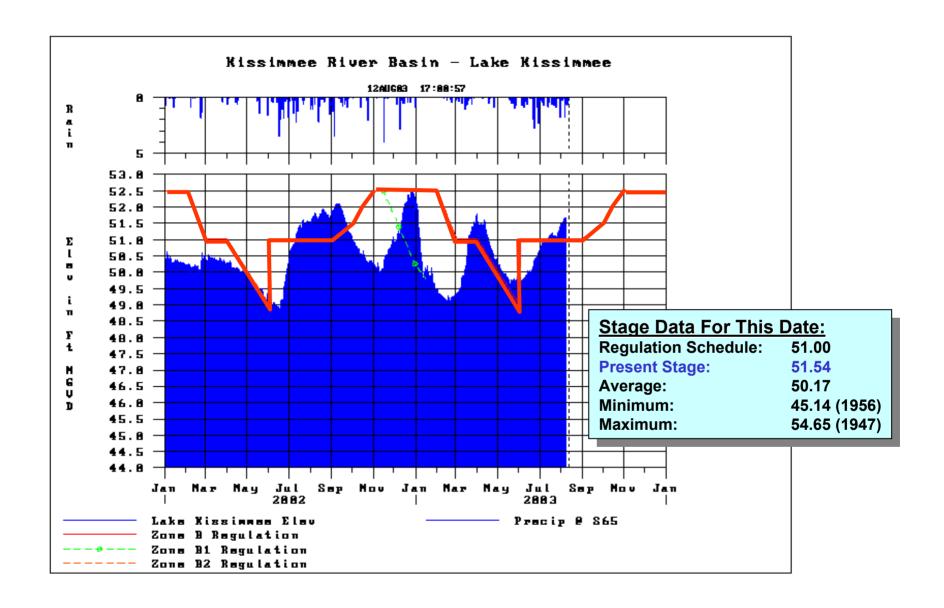
## Hydrologic Conditions Upper Kissimmee Basins

- Structures at all lakes are making regulatory releases
  - Recent rainfall has pushed stages above regulation schedule
  - Expect releases to continue for several weeks

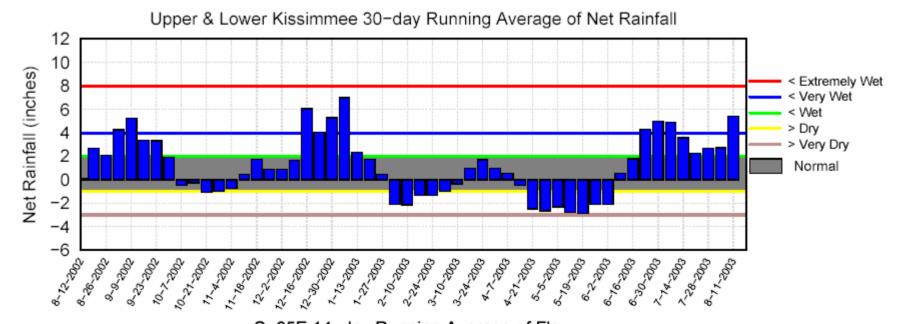


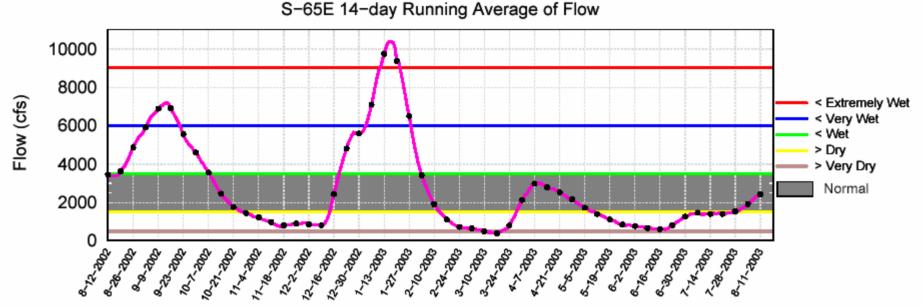






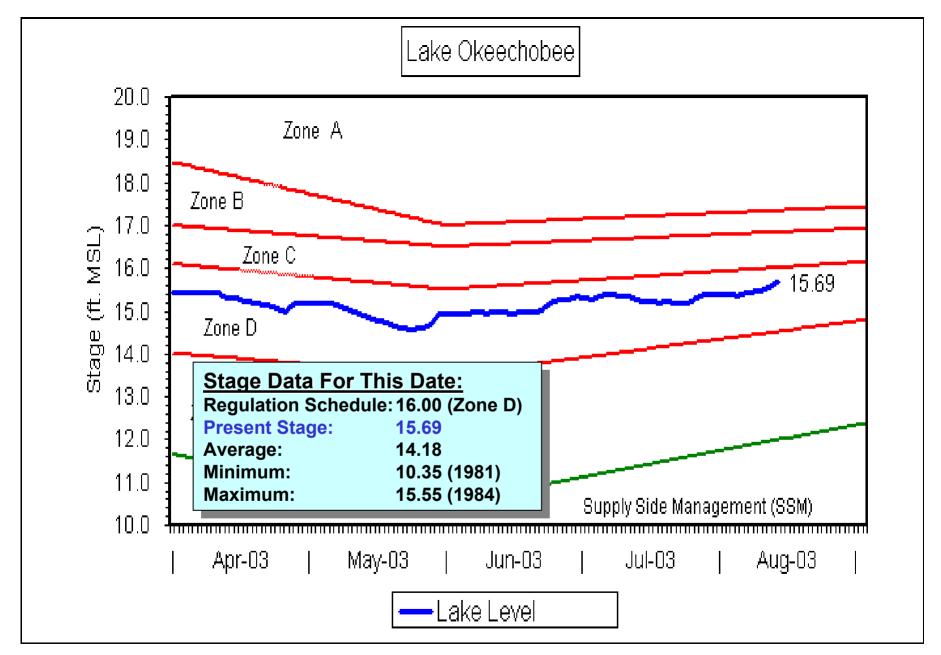
#### Tributary Basin Condition Indicators as of August 11, 2003



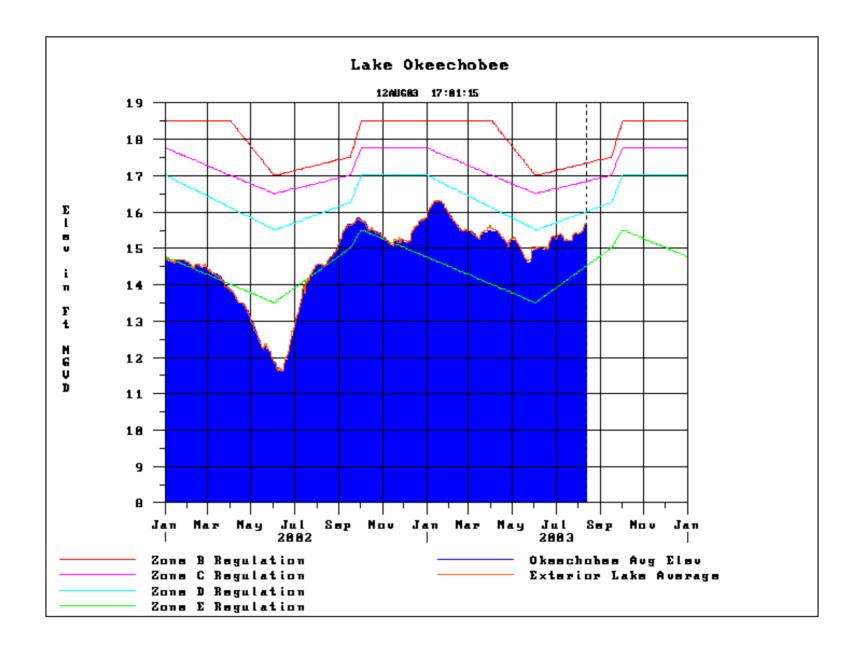


# Hydrologic Conditions Lake Okeechobee

- Lake Okeechobee stages continue to increase because of continued above average rainfall around the lake
  - Kissimmee River inflows have increased
- Ag areas remain under flood control operations since mid-May
- USACE recently completed a Level I Pulse
  - Currently initiating Level III Pulse Release



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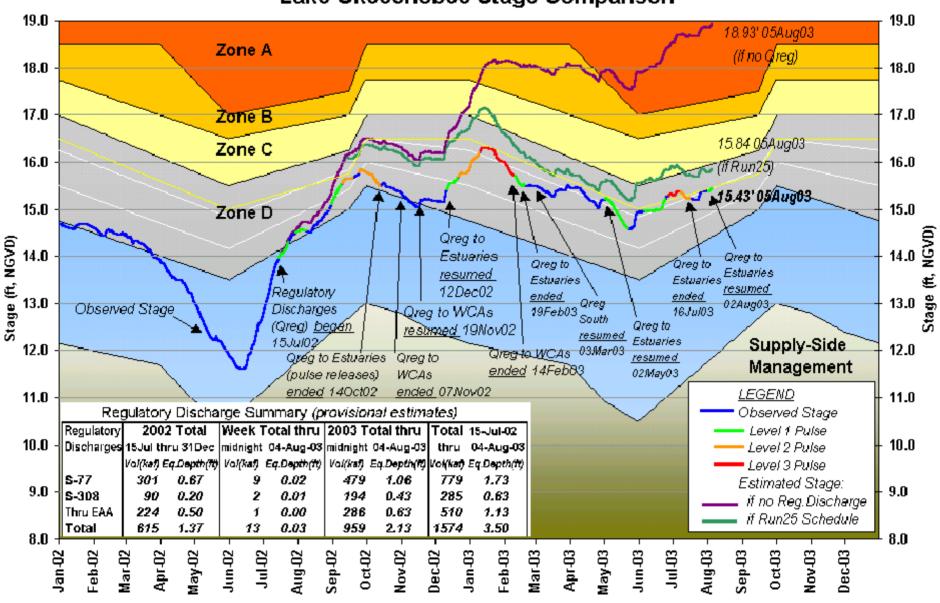
## Lake Okeechobee Current Operations

#### Regulation Schedule

- Stage in Zone D
- Very Wet inflow conditions
- Very Wet rainfall conditions
- Very Wet seasonal forecast
- Wet multi-seasonal forecast
- No discharge to the WCAs
  - WCAs above schedule
- Level III Pulse to estuaries
  - Started August 13<sup>th</sup> (Today)
  - Will end on August 23<sup>th</sup>



#### Lake Okeechobee Stage Comparison

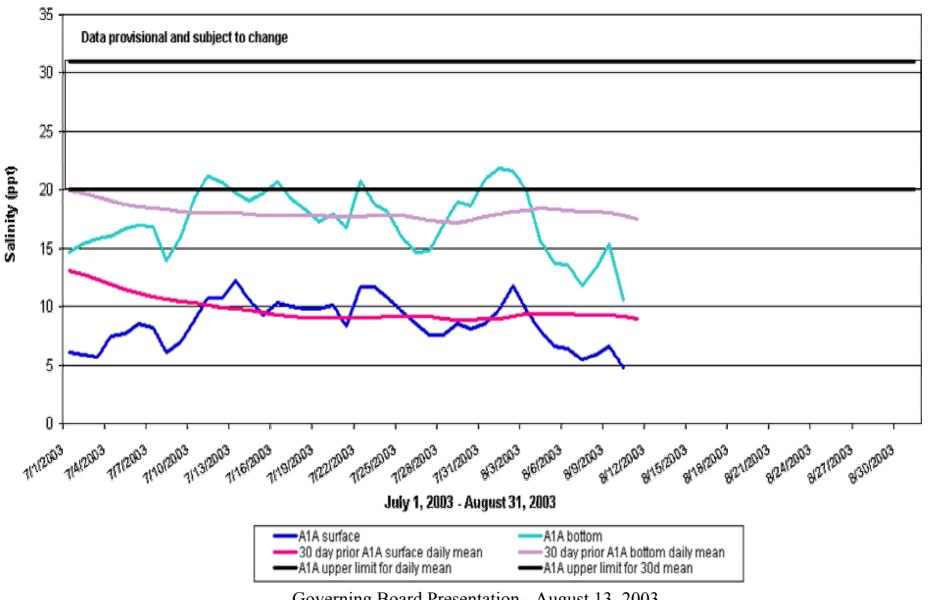


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## Hydrologic Conditions St. Lucie Estuary

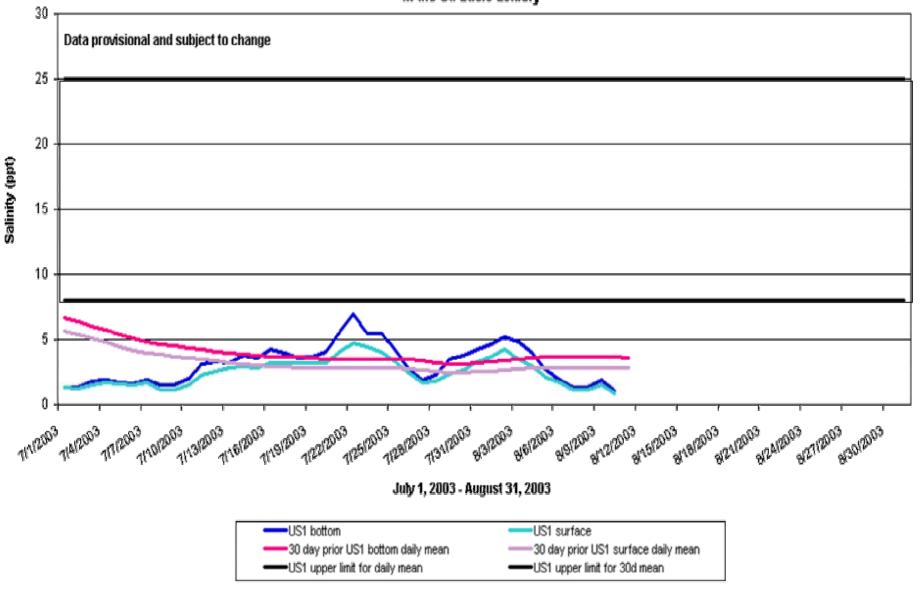
 As a result of the recent pulse releases & local rainfall, salinity measurements at both the water surface and the bottom remain well below the lower end of the preferred range

#### Salinity Envelope and A1A Surface and Bottom Mean Daily Salinity in the St. Lucie Estuary



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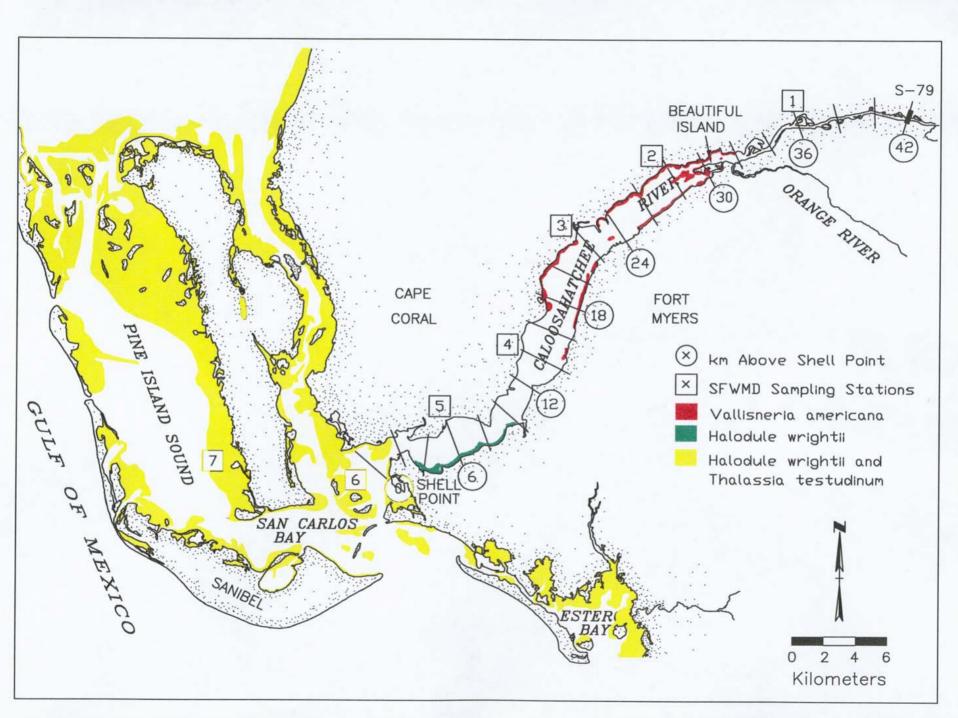
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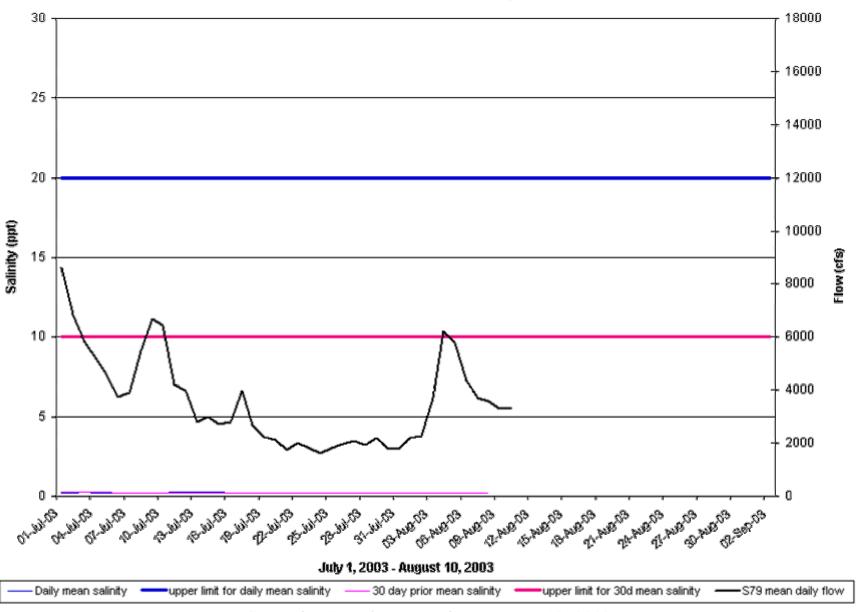
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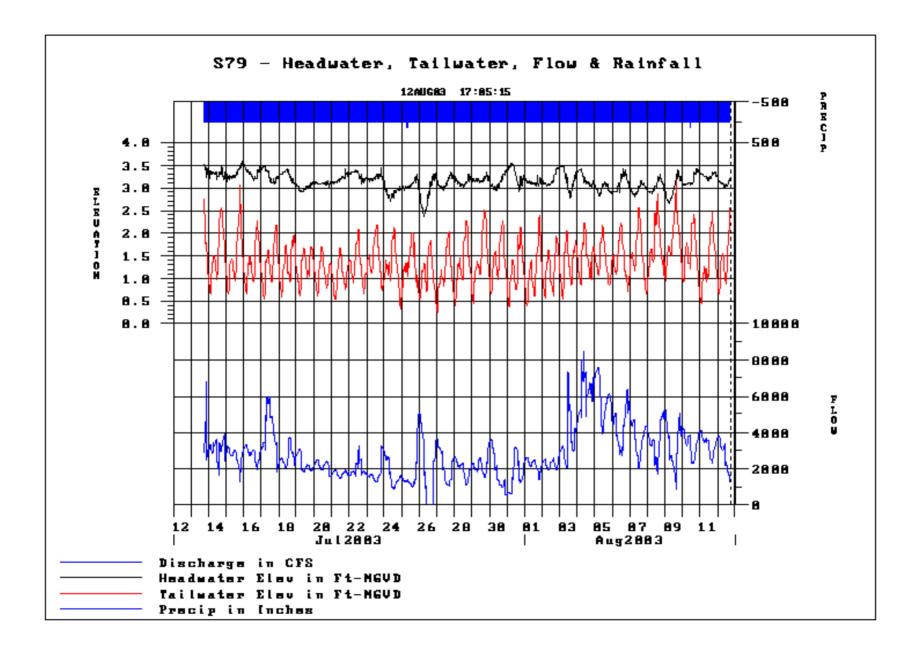
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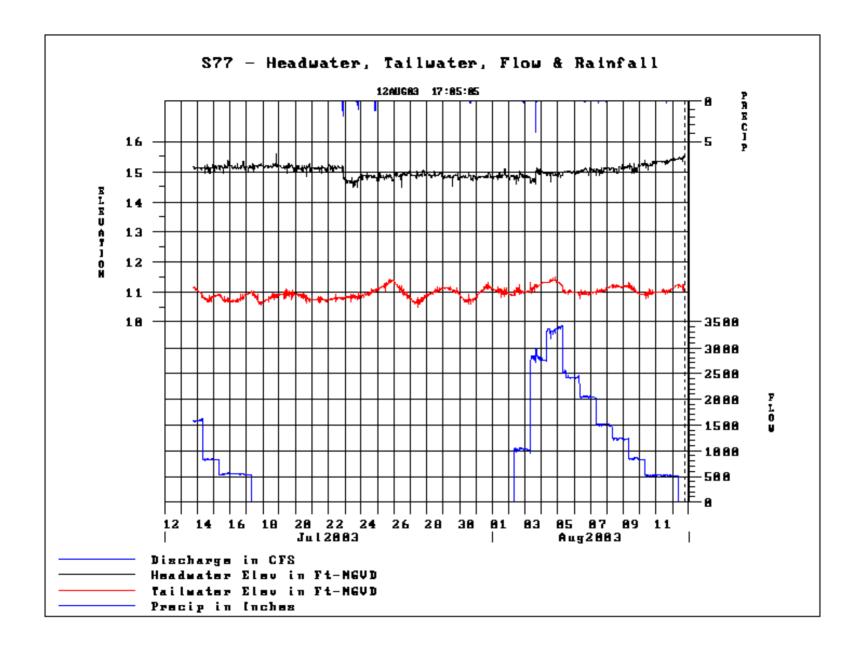
- Salinity is < 1ppt at Fort Myers.</li>
- The 7-day average salinity at the Cape Coral Bridge
  - 3.0 ppt on the surface and
  - 4.1 ppt on the bottom.
- At the Sanibel Causeway, the 7-day average salinity
  - 24 ppt on the surface and
  - 26 ppt on the bottom.
- Because the 30-day average discharge at S-79 is less than 4500 but greater than 2800 cfs conditions in San Carlos Bay are fair.
- Conditions in the lower Caloosahatchee Estuary are poor.



#### Salinity at City of Ft. Myers Yacht Basin and Upper Limit Exceedance of Caloosahatchee MFL and Mean Daily Flow from S79

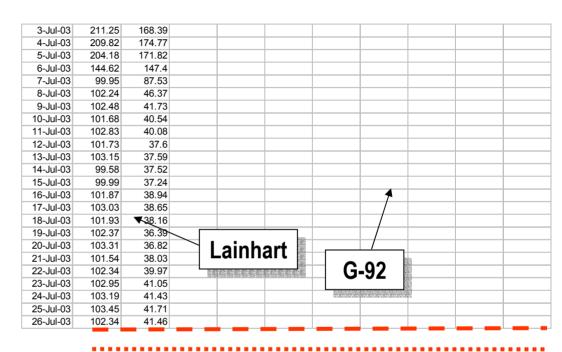






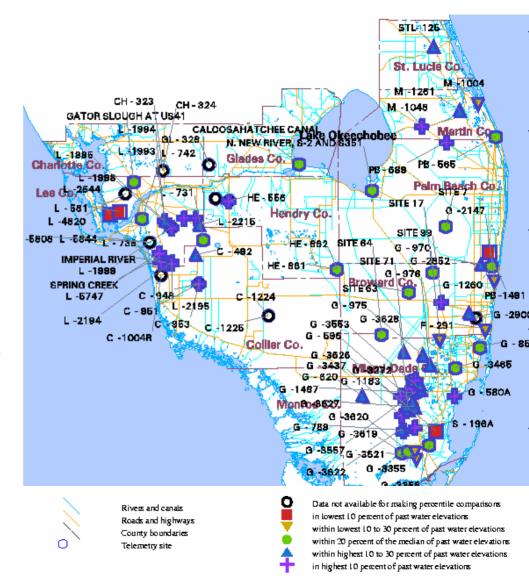
### Loxahatchee River

- Recent rainfall had maintained significant flows in the Loxahatchee River
- Flow across Lainhart
   Dam has recently been terminated due to major structure maintenance
- Operations staff is coordinating with Palm Beach County to utilize alternate means to bring in additional water to the River



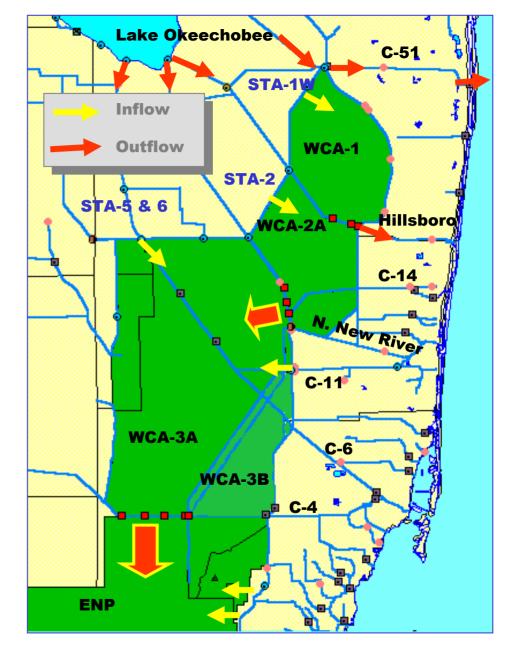
### **Groundwater Conditions**

- Upper East Coast
  - Above normal seasonal levels
- Lower East Coast
  - Normal seasonal levels
  - Above normal levels in south Miami-Dade
- Lower West Coast Region:
  - Above normal seasonal levels



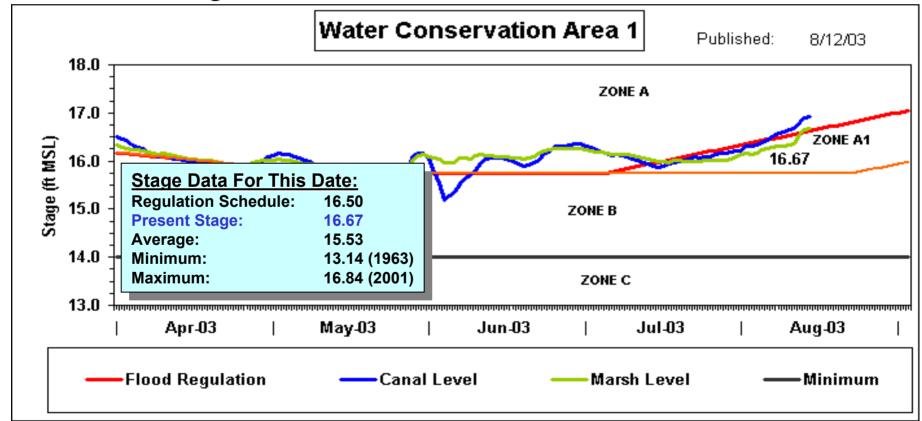
## Water Conservation Areas

- All WCAs are above their respective regulation schedules
  - Regulatory discharges
- Maximum practicable releases to tide
  - Limited capability due to flooding concerns
- All S-12s open
- IOP Operations



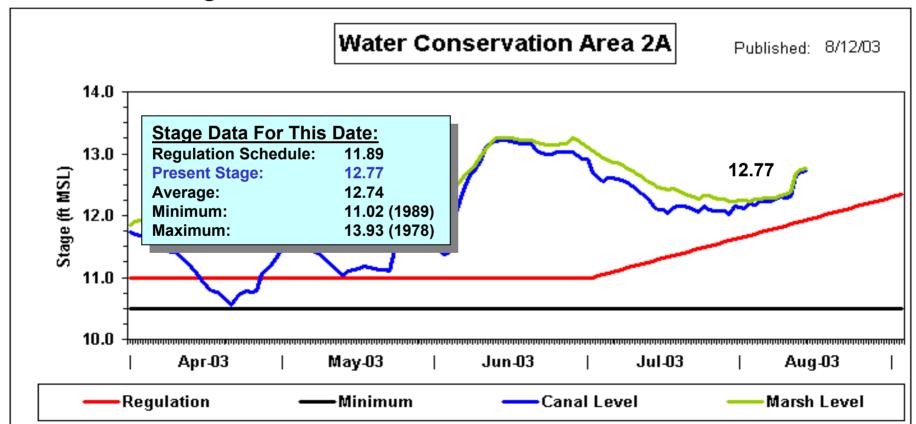
# Hydrologic Conditions Water Conservation Area No. 1

- S-10's closed
- Discharge to tide via Hillsboro & C-51 canals



# Hydrologic Conditions Water Conservation Area No. 2A

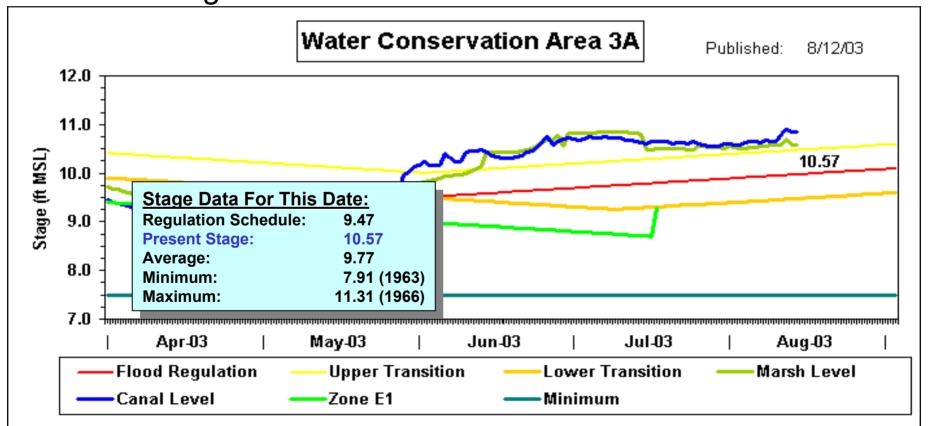
Discharge thru S-11s, C-14 & North New River canals



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# Hydrologic Conditions Water Conservation Areas

Discharge thru all S-12s



# Hydrologic Conditions SDCS Current Operations

- Current Operations are following Column 1 of the IOP Operating Criteria
  - Slightly higher canal stages allowed than under Column 2 criteria
    - Column 2 criteria is used when regulatory releases from WCA-3A to SDCS are required
- This morning, District requested approval of pre-storm operations from USACE in preparation for evening forecast rains

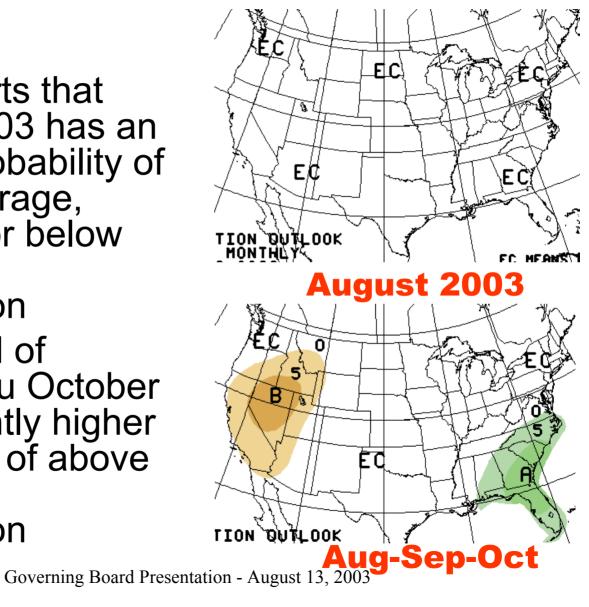
### SDCS - IOP General Operations



### Climate Outlook

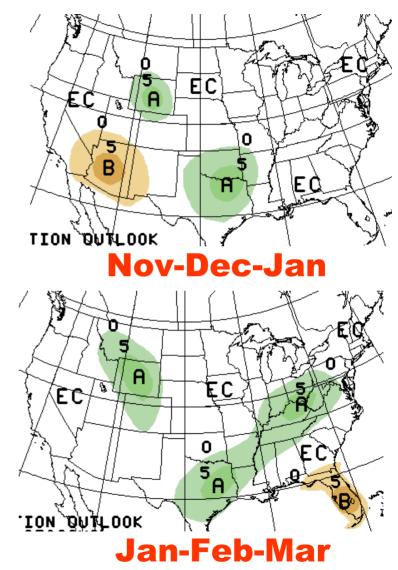
### Seasonal Climatic Outlook

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- The period of August thru October has a slightly higher probability of above average precipitation



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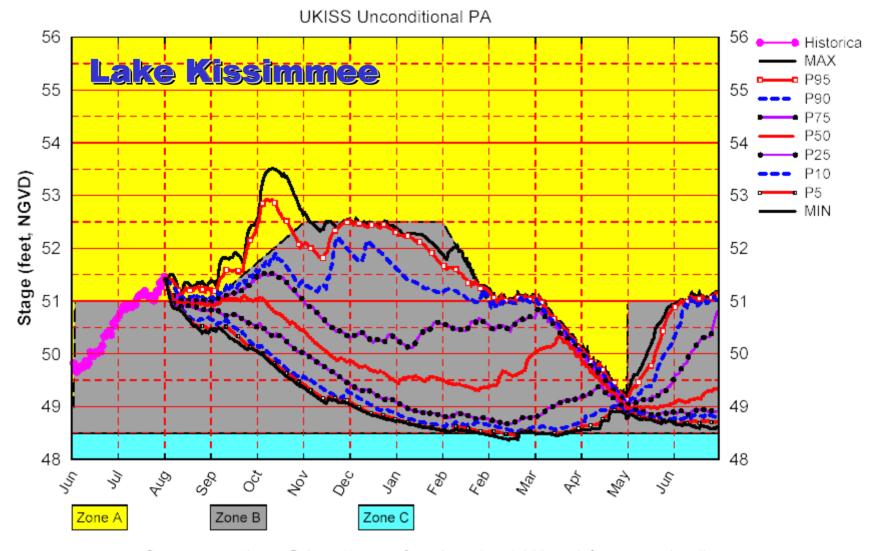
- CPC now reports that November 2003 through January 2004 had an equal probability of average, above average or below average precipitation
- January through March 2004 has a higher probability of below average rainfall



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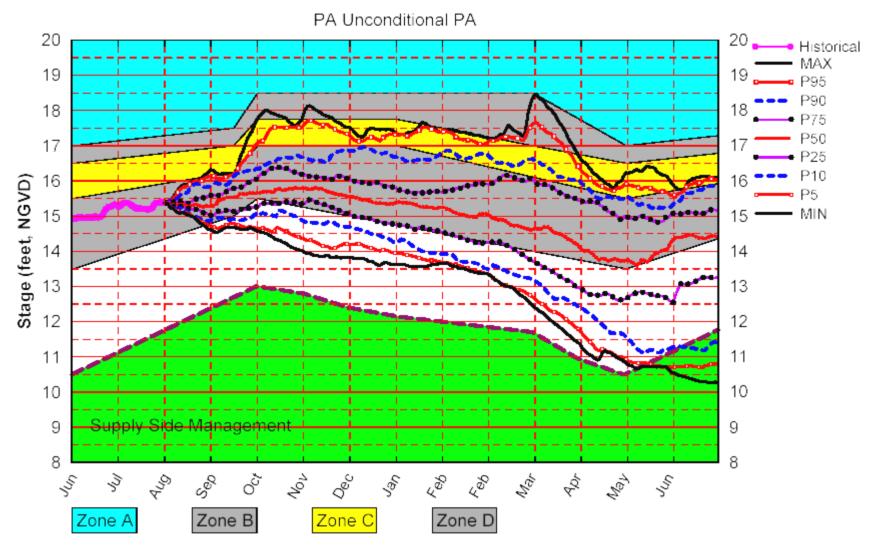
#### S65 UKISS Aug 2003 Position Analysis



(See assumptions @ http://www.sfwmd.gov/org/pld/hsm/sfwmm\_pa.html)

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